

Finally, the arrangements were completed and the splendid train left Chicago the quiet colonel had as his guests two hundred bankers, business men and journalists. They were taken to the hotel where they met Prince Albert, some fifteen hundred miles, entertained them for ten days or a fortnight, and returned them to Chicago, all filled with amazement at the magnitude of the undertaking and the future possibilities of the Canadian northwest.

That excursion was one of the first guns in what came later to be called the "American land rush." It was the first time that seekers and speculators came so fast that the colonel and his associates were compelled to build two hotels, which they called the "Palace of the West" and the "Hotel of the West." It was a wilderness then, with only the names of unborn cities nailed to the line-poles. Not a roof of a rag of canvas to shelter the land-seekers. The Canadian colonization company provided. It was

but the book dealers were selling them for several dollars a volume, and had a goodly

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